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SUBJECT: KUWAIT NO ATTENDING LIBERIA DEVELOPMENT MEETING

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¶1. (U) In an August 27 meeting with EconOff, Chairman of the Arab Fund for Economic & Social Development, Mr. Abdulatif Yousef Al-Hamad said that he had not received an invitation to the Development Ministers Meeting on September 5-6 in Liberia.

¶2. (U) Al-Hamad added that assistance to Liberia would not fall under the charter of the Arab Fund which limits its projects to Arab nations. Aid projects outside the Arab world fall under the ambit of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development. He surmised that his presence on the list of invitees arose from the fact that he used to hold a position at the Kuwait Fund and was responsible for projects in Africa. A Kuwait Fund official contacted on September 1 said that the Kuwait Fund also would not be sending a representative.

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